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FM AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 871

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

INFO CINCPAC IMMEDIATE

CTG 72.3 IMMEDIATE

CNO

CTF 72

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 389

E.O. GDS

TAGS: MPOL

SUBJECT: VISIT OF USN P-3 AIRCRAFT

REF A) CTG 72.3 DTG 210105Z APR 78, B) VICTORIA 388 AND PREVIOUS

1. IM MIDST OF ONGOING GOS CRACKDOWN OF LOCAL DISSIDENTS (REFTELS REFER), EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATI NOTE GRATING CLEARANCE FOR MAY 6-7 VISIT TO SEYCHELLES BY USN P-3 AIRCRAFT ENROUTE DIEGO GARCIA TO BANDAR ABBAS. REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE WAS INITIATED DURING CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARGE AND PRESIDENT RENE LAST WEEK PRIOR TO RENE'S DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE AND PRECEDED GOS ACTIONS AGAINST ITS PRECEIVED OPPONENTS WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN AFTER RENE'S DEPARTURE.

2. AS REPORTED, THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION IS APPREHENSIVE BUT CALMAND, BASED ON INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, EMBASSY BELEVES THAT PLANNED VISIT FEASIBLE AS MODIFIED BELOW. TO ABORT FLIGHT AT THIS TIME MIGHT GIVE GOS A SIGNAL
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WHICH WE MAY NOT WISH TO CONVEY.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS WITHPARTICULAR ATTENTION TO P-3 FLIGHT AND IS PREPARED TO TURN OFF VISIT AT LAST MOMENT IF LOCAL CONDITIONS WARRANT THIS ACTION. IF SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS STABLE, HOWEVER, AND IF DEPARTMENT AND USN CONCUR, BRIEF STOP FOR FUELING ONLY

ON MAY 06 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE OUR CONFIDENCE
TO GOS AND ALSO PERMIT USN TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

4. IN VIEW OF URGENCY THIS MATTER, ADVISE PRIOR OPENING
BUSINESS MAY 04.
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